(c) by when Government are likely to release the grant?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A request has been received from State Government of Gujarat for reimbursement of Rs. 18,86,64,951 towards pay & allowances of NDS Instructors (NDSIs) in Gujarat, as against which a sum of Rs. 31,00,000 has been released to the Government of Gujarat upto March 2007. In the meetings held on 13th and 14th March 2007 with the officers of State Governments, it was decided that as per the terms of transfer of NDSIs, the Central Government will meet in full the expenditure on the pay and allowances of these absorbed NDSIs for so long as they remained in service. In view of this, reimbursement claims of the State Government/UT Administrations, including Gujarat, are assessed only upto the Zero date *i.e.* the date of retirement of the last NDSI.

Keeping in view the demands of various State Governments and availability of budgetary provision, some more funds will be released to Government of Gujarat during the current financial year.

Decentralization of National Discipline Scheme

4728. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of decentralization of National Discipline Scheme;

(b) whether under the scheme, teachers were allocated to the State Government of Gujarat with the condition that the grant for their pay and allowances on actual cost would be borne by the Central Government;

(c) whether the requisite grant has not so far been released by Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The National Discipline Scheme was originally started in 1954 by the erstwhile Ministry of Rehabilitation, which was evolved into an integrated scheme named as the National Fitness Corps in 1958. In 1972, the Scheme was decentralized and the National Discipline Scheme Instructors (NDSIs) were transferred and absorbed in

the services of various State Governments, including Gujarat, on condition that the Central Government would reimburse the pay and allowances of the NDSIs so long as they remained in service.

(c) and (d) In response to the request of the State Government of Gujarat for reimbursement of Rs. 18,86,64,951, a sum of Rs. 31,00,000 has been released to Government of Gujarat upto March 2007. In the meetings held on 13th and 14th March 2007 with the officers of the State Governments it was decided that as per the terms of transfer of NDSIs, the Central Government will meet in full the expenditure on the pay and allowances of these absorbed NDSIs for so long as they remained in service. In view of this, reimbursement claims of the State Government/UT Administrations, including Gujarat, is assessed only upto the zero date *i.e.* the date of retirement of last NDSI.

Keeping in view the demands of various State Governments and availability of budgetary provision, some more funds will be released to Government of Gujarat during the current financial year.

World Cup 2007

4729. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was serious infighting, non-cooperation, non-commitment within the Indian cricket team that lost miserably in the World Cup, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these cricket players are highest paid players in the country; and

(d) whether their performance is not taken into consideration while signing their contracts?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), they have not received any complaint about serious infighting, non-cooperation, or non-commitment within the Indian Cricket Team. However BCCI have acknowledged the poor